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Office Action Summary

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Michael Pak

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 May 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3, 6, 7, 10-12, 15-20, 23 and 26-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3, 6, 7, 10-12, 15-20, 23 and 26-35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on May 27, 2008 has been entered.

Response to Amendment

2. Amendment filed May 27, 2008 has been entered.
3. Applicant's arguments filed May 27, 2008, have been fully considered but they are not found persuasive.
4. Claims 2, 4-5, 8-9, 13-14, 21-22, 24-25, and 36-37 are withdrawn. Claims 1, 3, 6-7, 10-12, 15-20, 23 and 26-35 are examined below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claims 1, 3, 6-7, 10-12, 15-20, 23, and 26-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The metes and bounds of the claims are not clear because the amended claim limitations recite specific location of the substitution of amino acids but the specific structure of the sequence is not provided. Thus the term by name only encompass variants which will change the numerical location of the amino acids in the protein and thus renders the terms relative. Furthermore, claims recite receptors by name only which is ambiguous because no structure is provided and the metes and bounds of the term is not clear. Claimed term "Ret receptor kinase" by name only without structure is ambiguous because the metes and bounds of the term is not clear. The term is not defined and the boundary of the term is not clear. Other receptor domains are also recited by name only without structure and the metes and bounds are not clear. The recitation of the nomenclature of specific species does not render the name of Ret receptor kinase clear because the metes and boundary of the term is not defined by the nomenclature. Many of the species not within the nomenclature have similar or same function or cross function, thus creating confusion around the term.

Applicants argue that the term is clear because the cited references refer to Ret receptor kinase as only one molecule encoded by one gene. However, it should be noted that most scientific articles or nomenclature do not discuss the metes and bounds of the generic term but are discussing the specific species in a particular reference.

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Applicants arguments appear to agree that the term encompasses variation in structure even though no reference structure is provided in the claim to set the metes and boundary of the term. Furthermore, there are many different types of mutations of Ret kinase species in the literature. If the function is not provided with structure which is sufficient to narrow the claims then the metes and bounds are not clear. For example when is a Ret receptor kinase which can have unlimited substitution different from any other kinase receptor? For example the EGFR is a kinase receptor and appears to meet the limitations of the Ret receptor kinase as claimed without structural limitation. Thus, how is one skilled in the art to determine when Ret receptor kinase is different from other receptor kinases if it is not limited by structure. Furthermore, the names of receptors change over time or are named differently by different inventors or scientists thus it becomes a relative term. Furthermore, if the Ret kinase receptor can have unlimited changes then how is one skilled in the art able to determine what is the specific amino acid sequence number that should be substituted. Furthermore, if the Ret receptor kinase can have unlimited mutations then when is Ret kinase receptor a rat receptor versus the human receptor or any other species.

6. No claim allowed.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Pak whose telephone number is 571-272-0879. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 - 2:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Nickol can be reached on 571-272-0835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Michael Pak/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1646
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